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**ANTI-LTNF FOR IN VITRO ASSAY  
OF BIOLOGICAL TOXINS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the above identified patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly move the paragraph reading:

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"The results of table 6 show that the detection level or the binding of *C. atrox* venom was 3.7  $\mu$ g in normal rabbit serum but dropped to 1.2  $\mu$ g in presence of homologous rabbit anti *C. atrox* serum. Thus, showing the difference of 2.5, which is the neutralizing index for this antiserum. The venom neutralized by the specific anti venom is not detected by anti-LTNF. The neutralizing index depends upon the potency of the anti serum. The neutralizing index for anti serum to *V. russelli* was 2.9 and for *O. scutellatus* 0.6"

from the top of page 17 to the bottom of page 16, so that the claims begin on a separate page.